

Colucci SB115

I support the proposed legislation, S.B. No. 115. I am a 27 year old Business Intelligence Analyst working in Windsor, CT. I recently purchased a house in Rocky Hill, CT with no knowledge of the planned facility.

As an analyst, I've tried to maintain a very logical approach to the situation. While the idea sounds sensible on paper, I've yet to see the facts. This project lacks transparency and represents a major communication failure between the State and its residents. The town was alerted of the plan only after the press broke the story.

The iCare nursing home proposal falsely states that their identified location is at least one mile from the nearest school. There is an elementary school within 50 yards of the facility.

The State claims this project will save tax payers, however there are no financials supporting their statement. To the contrary, the iCare proposal states the State is currently paying an average of \$314.90 per patient per day. Under iCare, the state will pay a proposed \$327.51 per patient per day. Assuming maximum capacity is achieved, this represents an increase of \$437,252 dollars per year for inmate and mental health care with no explanation or justification.

The iCare proposal shows the original estimated start date of 8/15/2013. The State has said they would have liked to open the facility in February of 2013. This represents a six month reduction in lead time with no explanation to how the plan was expedited.

While the proposed legislation does not rectify these grievances, it does attempt to re-establish trust between the State and its residents and will ensure the implementation of future facilities is done in a transparent manner.

Best Regards,

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